### Chapter 8: Public Services



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#### 8.1. INTRODUCTION

This chapter addresses the various aspects and policies of public facilities, services and activities in the City including administrative offices, library, public works, and public safety facilities. The City, through its organizational structure, administers the City's water, wastewater, storm drainage, and other public facilities. Other community services are also addressed herein.

#### 8.2. MUNICIPAL SERVICES

#### **City Administration**

The Kanab City Offices are located in the City and County Building at 76 North Main Street. Offices and services found within this building include the Mayor's Office, City Council / Planning Commission chambers, administrative offices, as well as the Justice Court and Kane County offices.

The Kanab City governing body consists of six members: five council members and a mayor. The municipality employs approximately 25 people on a regular basis in the administration, public works, parks, police, fire and power departments. Seasonal employees include up to 20 additional people. In addition to these city employees, there are numerous volunteers who serve on 12 different advisory boards or committees.

#### **Public Works**

The Kanab City Public Works Department strives to make the City an accessible, functioning and healthy community. Office and maintenance facilities are located at 1150 Chinle Drive. Services of the Public Works Department include Water, Sewer, Streets, Fleet, City Parks, and the

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Cemetery. In providing City services, the Public Works Department strives to be organized, trained and to operate in an orderly and diligent process.

Several road improvements and connections are planned throughout the community (see Chapter 5, Transportation). With these improvements, the City will need to plan for the installation of sidewalks in various areas. The City of Kanab currently has 44.32 miles of streets to maintain, and 1,100 stop and yield signs to keep in good repair.

Kanab City will collect impact fees and maintain a current Capital Facilities Plan to pay for future infrastructure.

#### **Water**

Kanab has 12 wells, with a total water capacity of 2,500 gallons a minute, and eleven springs that produce 110 gallons a minute. There are four storage tanks that hold 5,000,000 gallons. Kanab City's drinking water is one of the best in the state. It has been filtered through several hundreds of feet of Navajo Sandstone. Public drinking water is tested against both state and federal drinking standards.

Current water resources will allow approximately 3,500 additional connections to the system before additional water sources will need to be obtained, but would require upgrades to the delivery/distribution system. Possible future water sources include the proposed Kane County Water Conservancy District Jackson Flat Reservoir and the Lake Powell Pipeline. The distribution system can supply enough water for approximately 1,100 additional connections before upgrades will be necessary<sup>1</sup>.

#### Sewer

Kanab City operates a sewer lagoon facility with 4 lagoons and a potential service capacity of 10,000 people. The total number of sewer connections the City maintains is 1,200. The average flow pre residential connection is 236 gallons per day, and the average flow per commercial unit is 700 gallons per day.

Expansion and improvements to the sewer system are being planned to provide service to a greater portion of Kanab residents. Currently about 59% of the population has sewer service. The Kanab Creek Ranchos area is currently serviced by private septic systems, but is projected to eventually connect to the City system. The Equivalent Residential Unity (ERU) capacity of the sewer lagoons (2,696 ERUs) will allow for more than double the amount of current ERUs serviced (approximately 1,100 ERUs) <sup>2</sup>.

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Kanab Capital Facilities Plan and Development Impact Fee Analysis, Alpha Engineering Company, July 2006
ibid.

#### **Power**

Kanab City is serviced by Garkane Power.

#### **Police Department**

The Kanab City Police Department, located at 140 East 100 South, has six full time officers, eight reserve officers from outside the departments, one full time animal control officer, and one full time secretary. The Department is responsible for approximately 5,500 residents living in a 12 square mile area. During the tourist season, which is approximately seven months long, an added 3,000 plus people stay in Kanab per day.





#### Fire Department

Kanab Fire Department is a volunteer department serving the citizens of Kanab City and Kane County. Emergency vehicles include 2 fire engines, 1 truck, 3 brush trucks, 1 rescue / extrication truck, and the County also houses 2 ambulances at the station. The main station is located at 601 South 100 East. A second station is located in the Ranchos area, which is currently used for storage and future

certification training. An average of 20 fire personnel are on the roster, six of whom are also Emergency Medical Technicians with the Kane County Ambulance Service.

#### City Library

Located at 374 N. Main Street, the Kanab City Library is one of the foremost library facilities in Kane County. The library enriches the lives of its citizens by fostering lifelong learning by providing access to information, materials and services that address the educational, cultural and recreational needs of the community.

Equipment and services include: Books, magazines, newspapers; videos and DVDs; audio cassettes and CDs; Inter Library Loans; Fax Machine; Photo Copier; Computer Lab with public access to the internet, word processing Microsoft Office software; CD-ROM/Word processing station; laptop connection; printer (black/white and color).

*Programs include*: Children's programs; summer reading programs; special collection; Southwest collection; American Liberties collection; Spanish collection; Japanese collection; large print books and the Parent Resource Center.

# 8.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES Communications

Local telephone service is provided by South Central Communications and long distance service is provided by AT&T. A local office provides a full range of services including maintenance, installation, etc. South Central also provides fiber optics, dsl, and cell phone coverage. Alltel and Verizon also provide cell phone coverage. Xpressweb is the main internet service provider in Kane County. As Kanab grows these facilities will be expanded depending on the type and extent of actual growth.





#### **Medical Facilities**

Medical amenities in Kanab include a hospital, rest home facilities, and ambulance and EMT services. Other health care facilities in town include the Kanab City Medical Clinic, Linton Chiropractic, Bentley Chiropractic, Kanab Dental and Clinic Genesis Dental, Kane County Eye Clinic, and a Southwest Utah Mental Health facility.

Hospital - Kanab City is home to the George R.

Aiken Hospital and Skilled Nursing Facility. The hospital is licensed for thirty-three beds, thirteen of which are allocated to the skilled nursing facility. The hospital provides services such as acute primary care; obstetrics; surgery; physical therapy; respiratory therapy; twenty-four hour lab, x-ray and emergency room facilities; and home health care. The hospital has four on staff physicians and enjoys the benefit of fourteen consulting physicians, and one physical therapist. Hospital services also include an ambulance service and workshops dealing with obstetrics; rhuematoid allergies; orthopedics; cardiology; and pediatrics.

#### Solid Waste

Kane County has created a special services district which operates a regional solid waste disposal program.

#### 8.4. EDUCATION

Kanab City supports an excellent base of public education facilities including the Kanab High School, Kanab Middle School and Kanab Elementary School.

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### General Plan

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According to the 2000 Census, 23.3% of the eligible population in Kanab has bachelor's degrees, while 86.7% of Kanab's eligible population has graduated from high school. School enrollment from kindergarten through high school is around 784, while nearly 160 residents are enrolled in college or graduate school programs.

Under a collaborative effort between Southwest Applied Technology College and the Kane County School District, an 8500 square foot UCAT Campus is being constructed, which will provide technical





training for both secondary and adult students. Evening, weekend and summer courses will be open to both high school and adult students.

The City of Kanab recognizes the importance of maintaining high levels of education enrollment and available quality programs for all ages. City leaders are working with regional higher education institutions including Dixie State College and Southern Utah University to provide more educational opportunities for Kanab residents.



8.5 PUBLIC SERVICES AND FACILITIES GOALS				
Goals	Strategies	Actions	Timing	Agency
Provide effective and efficient public services to the community.	A. Maintain sufficient levels of staffing and programs to serve the public needs, which are administered with a customerfriendly attitude.	i. Provide efficient functioning and a service oriented atmosphere in the City Administrative Offices.	0-10 years	City Council, City Manager
		ii. Expand and improve the services available at the City Library.	0-10 years	City Council, Library Director
		iii. Continue to meet the demands for the quality delivery of public utilities and Public Works services in an orderly and efficient manner.	0-10 years	City Council, Public Works Director
		iv. Maintain a police force which is dedicated to the ideal of a crime-free society, which enforces the law in a fair and impartial manner.	0-10 years	City Council, Police Chief
		v. Maintain a fully-staffed, trained and certified Fire Department to provide to the community excellent service in fire suppression and emergency medical services.	0-10 years	City Council, Fire Chief
		vi. Maintain parks and recreational activities for youth and adults.	0-10 years	City Council, Recreation Director
2. Provide sufficient water resources and systems to support the future growth of the community.	A. Develop additional community water resources.	i. Explore the development of water resources through additional springs development, well extraction sources and a booster pump station.	0-10 years	City Council, Public Works Director
		ii. Update and maintain the Water Resources Plan (Appendix D).	0-10 years	City Council, Public Works Director
	B. Provide for the community needs for pressurized irrigation and re-use water systems.	i. Develop plans for the installation of pressurized irrigation and re-use water systems.	0-10 years	City Council, Public Works Director
	C. Follow the goals of the Capital Facilities Plan.	i. Yearly update the 1, 5 and 10 year Capital Improvements Plans.	0-10 years	City Council, City Manager

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	D. Develop a master plan for the use and development of the Jackson Reservoir.	i. Work with the Kane County Water Conservancy Board by including the Jackson Reservoir in the Future Land Use Map and General Plan.	0-10 years	City Council, City Manager
	E. Participate in the planning of the future Lake Powell pipeline development.	i. Work with the Kane County Water Conservancy Board by providing planning assistance.	0-10 years	City Council, City Manager
	F. Review Impact Fees and adjust as necessary to pay for system extensions to provide services to future development.	i. Yearly review impact fees by implementing an ordinance to include an adjustment based on yearly material inflationary costs.	0-10 years	City Council, City Manager
3. Provide excellent support to educational institutions. Develop plans for a 'Conference / Higher Education Center for the Arts and Sciences'.	A. Encourage and facilitate the improvement of elementary and secondary education in Kanab.	i. Meet on a regular basis with Kane School District representatives to support efforts to improve education for Kanab City citizens.	0-10 years	City Council, City Manager
	B. Continue to support the growth and development of the regional colleges.	i. Meet on a regular basis with leaders at the regional colleges to understand the current issues, challenges, needs and community impacts of the school and campus.	0-10 years	City Council, City Manager
		ii. Provide a public open forum for community-college issues and interaction.	0-10 years	City Council, City Manager
	C. Reach out to and participate with various entities that would benefit and can assist (High School, Best Friends, SUU/Dixie, County, BLM, Forest Service, National Parks, Regional educational facilities, etc.)	i. Support and help facilitate the effort to gain buy-in from all participants.	0-10 years	City Council, City Manager, Key Partners
	D. Review facility needs and seek developers/investors.	i. Help to obtain professional assistance to spear-head the effort.	0-10 years	City Council, City Manager
	E. Work with state representatives to obtain funds for planning efforts.	i. Educate our state representatives of the need based on buy-in from impacted participants.	0-10 years	City Council, City Manager, State Representatives



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4. Increase staff to provide oversight for community planning and development.	A. Hire a City Planner and/or City Engineer.	i. Analyze city needs and budget annually.	0-10 years	City Council, City Manager

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